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Mayor Grace Concludes Freeway Will Never Be Built

Support Builds for Widening Highway 1

TOP DOG is Chews as he waits atop the pickup for his master, Mike Hamilton, to get back from lunch in the Village. Named for Chews Ridge, the dog is said to climb trees, high-wire across suspended 2 x 4s and perform other unusual feats. *Sun photo by John Anderson.*

By Dick Heuer

It may be premature to predict the imminent demise of Caltrans' plan for the Hatton Canyon Freeway, but the handwriting on the wall certainly became much clearer last week. Local leaders are beginning to abandon their allegiance to the Hatton Canyon route and switch to support for widening Highway 1.

The reason, as expressed to the *Sun* by Carmel Mayor Jean Grace: "The freeway will be tied up in court indefinitely. It can never be built. It's time for the community to unite behind one workable approach to solving our traffic problems. I now support widening Highway 1."

At the request of Assemblyman Sam Farr, the city of Carmel sponsored a forum on Feb. 1 for three Sierra Club representatives to debate two Caltrans officials on the merits of widening Highway 1 instead of building the freeway. The Sierra Club and Caltrans presentations were followed by a lengthy period of public comment.

It was after the forum that Mayor Grace advised the *Sun* of her changed position. That change creates a city council majority in favor of amending the Carmel General Plan to support widening Highway 1 instead of construction in Hatton Canyon.

Supervisors Karin Strasser Kauffman and Sam Karas have been the staunchest supporters of the Caltrans freeway plan. They also attended the forum. As of press time, there were indications that one or possibly both supervisors were reconsidering their position.

These were the highlights of the forum program, which played to an almost-full house at the Sunset Center auditorium:

• Of the several hundred persons present, not a single voice spoke up in support of Caltrans' plan or any other highway through Hatton Canyon. This was the first time ever, in many such forums over many years, that the public voice was unanimous. Where were the freeway supporters? Did they stay home because they, too, saw the handwriting on the wall?

• The Sierra Club poked more holes in the forthcoming Final Environmental Impact Study (EIS), which Caltrans announced has been delayed once again, until April. The partisan crowd clearly believed the Sierra Club won the debate.

• Wetlands issues emerged even more strongly than in the past as a potential Achilles heel that could doom the freeway. The elected directors of the Carmel Unified School District were identified as key players in determining the future of the freeway. Freeway construction will destroy 11.95 acres of wetlands. Caltrans must offset this by re-creating a comparable amount of wetland area west of the canyon, and the principal areas where wetland mitigation is planned are River School and Mission Ranch. If the CUSD board of directors refuses to allow the work at River School, this would, according to Caltrans, deal a serious and potentially fatal blow to any plan for a freeway through Hatton Canyon.

• Carmel High School students, for the first time, joined the anti-freeway battle. Thirty vocal students from the Conservation Club were present, and three of them presented Caltrans with 70-page long reports on their study of the Hatton Canyon environment. The Sierra Club and Caltrans agreed to lead Carmel High students on a joint tour through the canyon, pointing out exactly where the freeway would go and what its impacts would be.

Caltrans representatives Gregg Albright and Dave Murray described the three alternatives for widening Highway 1 that were analyzed in the draft EIS — three lanes, four lanes, and six lanes. None of these alternatives included an underpass at Carmel Valley Road, although this has been added in the Final EIS that has not yet been released.

Murray exhibited charts showing that after several years, traffic would still exceed capacity, even with these improvements. All of the charts, however, were based on a traffic signal rather than an underpass at

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No-Fee Service the Issue

Ambulance Upgrade Delays Needlessly Risk Lives: Haber

By Bob Bates

Continuing debate over whether to charge victims for up-graded emergency ambulance service in Greater Carmel Valley is unnecessarily endangering lives, according to a leader in the campaign to use paramedics countywide.

Ed Haber expressed dismay that paramedics are still not used on Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur ambulances more than a year after voters approved by 72 percent a plan to upgrade from Basic Life Support (BLS) to Advanced Life Support (ALS) service throughout the county.

Haber, president of Quail Lodge and an architect of Measure A, said the delay is endangering the lives of people who need the services of paramedics on emergency ambulances and are not getting it.

Delays have occurred in implementing provisions of Measure A in the region primarily because local fire departments and others are trying to work out financing arrangements that will enable them to maintain no-fee to the victim emergency ambulance service that is traditional here. If it's not possible to maintain no-fee service under the up-grading, the fire departments—staffed largely with volunteers in some cases— argue they can provide service that is still less expensive than private ambulance companies which are used in other areas of the county.

Haber spoke out in an interview with the *Sun* on Jan. 31, the same day that the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur Regional Emergency Medical Services Council approved in concept a plan to put paramedics on ambulances. The plan would give the districts flexibility to maintain no-fee service if they can figure out how to pay for it.

"All of this haggling over no-fee service is detrimental to the public," Haber said. "All of those objections were dealt with months ago."

Paramedics receive more than 1,000 hours of medical training and are licensed to perform certain Advanced Life Support procedures that the Emergency Medical Technicians now manning ambulances in the region are not. The Technicians, who get a basic 128 hours of training, can provide only Basic Life Support, which does not include invasive techniques such as administering drugs.

Kim Donnelly, administrator of the county's Emergency Medical Services, who sat in on the interview with Haber agreed that victims may have died in the past because paramedics were not available on ambulances in the region.

"I know of at least one incident recently where a victim of cardiac arrest would not have been revived in time to save him had

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Planning Department Cuts Advisory Duties: Committee Members Angry

By Isabelle Hall

The Monterey County Planning Department has sharply reduced the duties of its 17 advisory committees due to a serious staff shortage, and at least three of the committees are up in arms.

Citing 10 current vacancies in the Planning Division, Zoning Administrator Dale Ellis wrote each of the committees announcing implementation of "several interim measures to reduce the staff's workload."

In addition to eliminating 19 types of projects formerly reviewed by the committees, it is understood the department also has cut back its hours for answering public questions to 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Outraged that the action was taken without a public hearing and without notice, the Highlands-Bixby Advisory Committee has circulated a petition to "keep project review in our hometowns instead of the planning department in Salinas." The Carmel and Del Monte Forest Advisory Committees also planned to protest.

Seeking to reverse the decision, the petition says, "Local project review provides residents the opportunity to participate in decisions affecting the quality and welfare of our own communities. Without full advisory committee review, substandard projects will proceed without public input or knowledge, thereby destroying property values and standards."

"If they're short of people why are they asking for all this extra work?" questioned Highlands-Bixby member Donna Sadeghi at a Monday night meeting at Carmel Highlands Fire Station.

The action was taken during the lunch

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LETTERS

Assaults the Senses

I heartily concur with the comments by Pam Irving concerning the column on property sales which has been appearing in the Sun recently. Said column has assaulted my senses since the first time I saw it. I can't believe the paper can be desperate for something to fill up space. True: this information is, lawfully, a matter of public record. However, ethically, I would consider it a personal and private matter, relevant only to the parties involved in the transaction.

Perhaps the time spent traveling back and forth to the courthouse to ferret out these statistics could be used more auspiciously in editing the Sheriff's Log. To my way of thinking, the shorter this report can be, the better. Do we really need to extend it with cases at Carmel Highlands, The State Beach, Point Lobos, Bixby Bridge, Highlands Inn, the Crossroads, etc. This is definitely a case of "bigger is not better" concerning the number of less than acceptable events in our local area.

Loretta M. Emerson
Carmel Valley

The Sheriff's Log has been including these areas because the Sun's *circulation expanded to cover them last September.—Ed.*

Free Press in a Free Country

Here's a response to Pam Irving's letter about your "Home Sales" column. Please, continue to report public matters to the public. It is the function of a free press in a free country — and not to be found in many countries.

Hey Pam, people who move to small towns generally do so for the community values of small town life.

I value C.V. small town life but I am currently serving my country abroad. My volunteer public service in Carmel Valley convinced me that its community values are needed everywhere.

The "Home Sales" feature lets me know who has departed my home town, who has come, and whether my real estate investment has increased in value. I read this feature eagerly. It is definitely not convenient for me to "go to the courthouse to check such matters. "

I hope you will also publish building plans and use permit applications as the onetime Carmel Valley Outlook did.

Lucille Smithson
Information Management Officer
American Embassy, Ankara, Turkey

Water Conservation

I think it would be very valuable if your newspaper were to begin a crusade on water conservation. Whether we like it or not this area in particular but also much of California is faced with serious use of our water resources.

One of the most effective solutions can be learning and accepting the many ways water can be conserved. I became concerned about the over use of water after I purchased my present house about 3 years go. We rented the house most of the first year and were astounded at the quantity of water used. Checking back with Cal Am we discovered that large quantities had been used for years.

We have taken the following steps: Gradually replacing the majority of the landscaping with drought tolerant plantings; converted to all drip irrigation; water at time of need not on set schedule; converted to low flow toilets and showers; monitor our water usage each week.

This has reduced our water consumption for the past two calendar years to under 25 percent of what it was for the average of the prior four years. Now we have installed a sophisticated cistern system which catches all the rain water from our roof. It presently stores 4,800 gallons and pumps water through a meter to anyplace we need it.

I am not suggesting that everyone accomplish the same degree of conservation. It does show what can be accomplished.

Robert L. Hunsicker
Carmel Valley

Barking Dogs Disruptive

I can't be the only resident in Robles who is sick and very tired of listening to dogs barking on Lower Circle and on Esquiline, before going down there!! I think these dog owners assume that the rest of the neighborhood will just have to get used to it. Lately, the barking has been almost constant, particularly from those dogs left alone in pens all day. I live just above Lower Circle and I'm NOT getting used to it. I'm getting increasingly more irritated and angered by it, especially when it begins early in the morning when people are still trying to sleep! And all day long! Does it make you dog owner folks feel more secure or something?

I love the QUIET of the Valley. That's why I live here, along with many others who can and do respect this quiet.

Dogs are a lot like children. They need a lot of attention. They need to be walked and played with. Maybe they aren't getting enough to eat. Perhaps all you need to do is train them not to bark at everything. I thought most people did this, if not for their own peace and quiet, at least out of respect for their neighbors. I certainly would if I owned a dog.

I'd appreciate hearing comments and suggestions from other neighbors.

Martha Aldrich
Carmel Valley

Parents to Blame?

Since I removed my child from Tularcitos last December, many parents have asked me why. I also learned there were a couple dozen parents angry about discipline at the school last fall who met with the principal. Since so much has been said about California education lately, I thought I'd answer the many parents through the best medium I know—the local newspaper.

You will not have better educated children by putting more money into badly managed school districts. You will not have more intelligent children by buying them designer clothes to wear or crimping their hair.

I removed my son from Tularcitos when his self-esteem dropped, his respect for the teacher left and he started bringing home expressions from school only lumberjacks used in the back woods in the era when I was his age. The children speak that way constantly at school now.

For the past year and a half, I put in up to four hours in the classroom trying to help. The children are rude, arrogant and very hurtful toward the adults and their own peer groups. They did it with such ease and pride I knew it had to have been practiced at home on their own parents and siblings.

Two weeks ago I stopped at Tularcitos to pick up something that belonged to my son. I was on the school grounds 10 minutes. Four children got hit and hurt while I was there.

I see mothers and fathers turning out for teas and t-ball at the school. Do they spend the same amount of time working with their children at home on reading or math? How many of these children failed to pass even the lower grades? How many of these children with acid-washed jeans and crimped hair are taught compassion, loyalty or respect for themselves and others?

Until parents want an educated child and are dedicated to that end, they will get what they have now—and it will get worse. Parents must get their priorities in proper order. You only have a short time to put a foundation for learning into your child. It's your responsibility—not the schools. They proved they can't do it.

I'm educating my child at home. It takes a lot of time and effort, but the payoff is great. My son's self esteem is back and he's gaining weight again.

I'm asked, "Doesn't he miss playing with the kids at school?" He sure does. He hasn't been punched lately or called names or had to fight for a chance to sit and eat his lunch.

California children finished 48th out of a total of 50 nationwide in education. California has more money, more drugs, more pretty people in flashy automobiles than any other state. Your local school reflects your local parents. If you want your children educated, you'd best start at home.

Fran Libby
Carmel Valley

Rain Total Tops '89; Still Trails Normal

Storms concentrated in the week of the ATT-Pro Am golf tournament pushed the season's total rainfall in the Village past last year's but it still trailed normal.

Graham Matthews, weather observer in the Village, reported his gauge captured a total of 1.57 inches from Jan. 17 through Feb. 4. The additional rain brought seasonal precipitation to 7.35 compared to 7.18 at the same time last year. Normal for Feb. 4 is 10.08, Matthews said.

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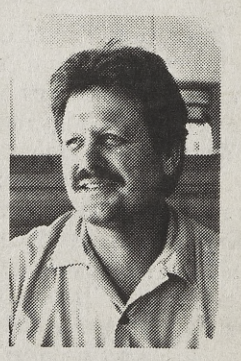
Jeff Watts

Ambulance Upgrade

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a paramedic not been there to administer electric shock," she said.

Haber said paramedics could have been serving on all ambulances within three months of the 1988 vote if proponents of no-fee service had recognized the need for change and agreed to charge victims.

"I am willing to go before the Board of Supervisors and ask that a deadline be established to implement the plan," Haber said. "If that deadline is not met, then implementation should be imposed."

In another development, directors of the Carmel chapter of the Red Cross tentatively voted to donate three ambulances it owns to the Carmel, Carmel Valley and Big Sur fire departments once a Joint Powers Authority is in place. The authority will oversee emergency ambulance service in the region.

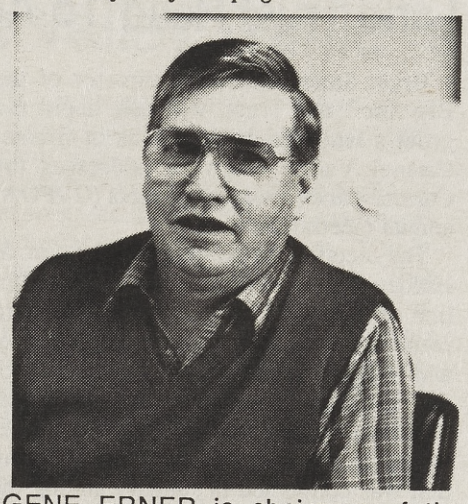
The three ambulances—the only ones the Red Cross owns anywhere—are currently being loaned to those departments. Mid Valley owns its own ambulance.

"We would still like to be able to provide no-fee service to our residents," said Lynette Balesteri, director of the Carmel chapter, "or at least a reduced fee."

Measure A does provide for the collection of some $1 million annually for emergency ambulance service, but Mrs. Balesteri said "the county apparently doesn't have enough money" to provide paramedic service throughout the county without charging the victims.

At the regional council meeting, one of the issues that was discussed was the meaning of response time. In areas where volunteers will still drive the ambulances and be part of a two-person team, response time traditionally has been calculated as being how long it takes to get to the victim once the ambulance is in service.

Ms. Donnelly said, however, that under county guidelines, departments will be required to have the ambulance rolling one minute after receiving a call in the daytime and two minutes at night. Chiefs of



GENE ERNER is chairman of the Carmel, Carmel Valley, Big Sur Emergency Medical Services Regional Council, which is trying to maintain no-fee emergency ambulances.

largely volunteer departments such as Bob Heald of Carmel Valley said that was not a realistic requirement for them.

"These are issues that will have to be resolved before the JPA (Joint Powers Authority) is set into place," said Chief Gary Carmichael of Mid Valley Fire Department.

At the urging of Gene Erner, chairman of the regional council, three committees were established to work toward creating the JPA and implementing the provisions of Measure A. One was to draft the JPA document, another was to work on the contracts that the districts would have to sign under the JPA and the third was to seek alternative financing methods. Subscriptions and donations were two of the methods discussed.

Of the districts in the region, Cachagua and Big Sur are totally staffed with volunteers.

During the interview, Ms. Donnelly took exception to statistics cited in an earlier *Sun* story than in some districts only 7 percent of all emergency patients need the advanced services of paramedics. She said during one recent period, 37 percent of the patients transported by the Carmel ambulance required paramedic attention.

She also said that if districts were willing to see patients charged, she could have paramedics in place on private ambulances within three months for no more money than the county is proposing to spend on subsidies to the districts which want no-fee or reduced-fee service.

Park Use, Bike Decisions Delayed

By Stan Hall

Directors of the Monterey Regional Park District put off any major decisions Monday night after a hearing on the future of the Cooper Ranch addition to Garland Park turned mainly into a debate over whether mountain bikes should be allowed to use it.

After a three-hour session before an overflow crowd at the Community Center, they directed manager Gary Tate and his staff to conduct further studies into potential uses for the historic ranch and whether the bikes should be allowed.

The staff had recommended that bikers be allowed to use the roads and trails on the 145-acre Cooper Ranch—also known as Rancho Don Juan—which is adjacent to 3,200-acre Garland park. The district bought Cooper Ranch in November for $1.13 million.

Bikes were barred from Garland Park two years ago after their use there resulted in numerous conflicts with hikers and horsemen.

In proposing they be allowed to ride on Cooper Ranch, but not Garland Park, Tate said they would not share trails with horses, would not use any historic trails and no one-way trails. He suggested split rail fences be erected across trails to keep bikers out of Garland Park.

Saying "we've learned some lessons," Tate said keeping bikers separate from the horsemen was critical to avoid conflict. Under his proposal, he said hikers would be allowed to use Cooper Ranch with the understanding that bikers were riding there.

Dick Heuer, representing the Carmel Valley History Society, made the only concrete proposal for future use of Cooper Ranch. He said the organization would like to use the 800-square-foot main room in the ranch house for a historical museum, a bunk house for storage and as a work room and the barn to display farm implements from the Valley's past.

At the end of the hearing, members of the board indicated they might look favorably on the History Society's proposal. But they said they needed to know whether similar groups might have other proposed uses and also to study the district's own needs if it is to move its headquarters into the ranch house, as Tate suggested.

Observers said the debate over the use of bikes in the park was less acrimonious than one two years ago. But at one point, a pro-biker accused the horsemen of arrogance for wanting to preserve all of the park for their use and exclude the bikes. In

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CAPOA Ready for Incorporation

The Cachagua Area Property Owners Association (CAPOA), its by-laws and articles of incorporation completed, will file for incorporation with the state this month, according to President Ana Iverson-Cox.

After that, the group will seek non-profit status from the IRS, purchase liability insurance and be ready to take an active role in deciding issues affecting the area.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

LOWER VALLEY. Two vehicles parked at Carmel Valley Racquet Club were broken into and purses containing an estimated S6,175, including a large check, were stolen. 1/21.
LOWER VALLEY. Man, found to be an Army deserter, fled into woods while being questioned near Middle School; Army sent tracking dogs to find him, but the trail was lost in the Carmel River. 1/21.
CARMEL RANCHO. 1st Interstate bank reported receiving a stolen money order. 1/26.

Break-In Attempted

LOS LAURELES GRADE. Carmel Valley Inn officials reported someone tried to force their way in, breaking a front door and two dining room windows. 1/27.
CROSSROADS. A man was arrested for shoplifting at Longs Drugstore. 1/27
CARMEL MEADOWS. A pickup parked on Ribera Road was broken into and a purse was taken; other valuables were left behind. 1/27.
CARMEL RANCHO. An Albertson's clerk held a man for arrest for shoplifting a bottle of vodka. 1/29.
HIGHWAY 1. A tourist from Denmark reported losing his passport on the Big Sur Coast or in Carmel some time in the previous two weeks. 1/30.
CARMEL RANCHO. A manager at 1st Interstate Bank reported a Carmel Valley man had forged the man's late mother's endorsement on her last Social Security check and cashed it. 1/31.
CROSSROADS. A security man at Long's Drugstore telephoned deputies that he was holding a shoplifting suspect. 2/1.

Telephones Out

MID VALLEY. Telephone lines were reported down between Mid Valley and Garland Ranch; extra patrols were ordered since residents could not use 911 for emergencies. 2/1.
CROSSROADS. A 17-year-old youth was found in possession of drug paraphernalia. 2/2.
CROSSROADS. A Southern California couple reported being assaulted in front of Rio Grill; deputies subsequently arrested a Salinas man. 2/2.
MID VALLEY. An open door was reported found at All Saints' School, but nothing was out of order. 2/2.

Pumpkins Assault Mailboxes

MID VALLEY. A man on Tierra Grande reported his mailbox was broken when someone hit it with a pumpkin. 2/3.
MID VALLEY. A woman on Miramonte reported her mailbox had been hit with a pumpkin. 2/3.
GARLAND PARK. Park naturalist reported someone was illegally driving off-road in the park; the vehicle was later found near the Little League park. 2/3.

Park Decisions

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turn, a spokeswoman for the equestrians said excluding horses from Cooper Ranch would make the purchase an exclusive S1 million gift for bikers.

Most of the speakers opposing use of the bikes said they recognized that bikers, as taxpayers, had a right to use park facilities, but they said past experience had shown that shared trails inevitably led to conflicts.

Rod Mills, representing the Carmel Valley Trails Association, asked Chairman Patricia Hutchins if the board would consider buying property and dedicating it to bike use.

"We've been looking into that for some time," she said, adding that no suitable place has yet been found.

Director comments at the end of the session indicated that some of them were leaning toward at least limited use of bikes in the park. Some suggested the park might be opened to bikers on specific days of the week, while others talked about permitting families and children to ride on the flat, lower part of the park where visibility is good.

At least two Village residents raised the issue of local youngsters not being able to ride their bikes through an edge of the park to get from Robles del Rio area to the Little League field. Tate told the *Sun* that some kind of accommodation might be worked out to allow it.

Land Trust Head To Address CVPOA

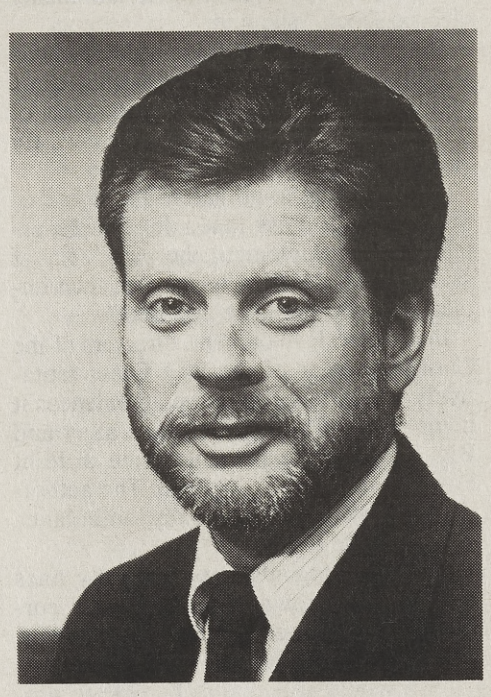
Brian Steen, executive director of the Big Sur Land Trust, will talk about the group's land acquisition plans in Greater Carmel Valley when he addresses the Carmel Valley Property Owners (CVPOA) annual meeting Feb. 15.

The meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m. at Hidden Valley, will also see the installation of re-elected officers and three board members, including Fran Farina, a lawyer and financial planner who was elected for the first time. Incumbent directors Robert Greenwood and Vernon Juergens were returned to the board in the mail balloting that was conducted in January among the CVPOA's 1,274 members.

Head of the Big Sur Land Trust since 1980, Steen has been instrumental in negotiating nine scenic easements and seven fee title gifts of land to preserve open space. Together, the parcels are estimated to be worth $15.5 million.

Steen will discuss plans for additional acquisitions in the Carmel Valley area after the purchase of the 1,100-acre Westbrook timber lands which contains the largest redwood grove in the coastal area. He said these include plans to acquire a ridge-top trail running from Jack's Peak to Los Laureles Grade and Ed Haber's donation of land in the Porter Bowl region.

Steen also said he would outline the Trust's interest in maintaining the Sand



BRIAN STEEN

City shoreline and the steps it is taking to protect it from commercial development.

Officers re-elected to serve for one year are Max Chaplin, president; Rod Mills, vice president; Jim Tritten, recording secretary; Feesie Heuer, corresponding secretary; and, Ileene Crane-Franks, treasurer.

Chaplin urged all association members to attend the annual meeting.

Man's Body Identified; Drug Link Suspected

Sheriff's investigators are looking into a possible drug link in the killing of a man whose bullet-riddled body was discovered off Cachagua Road on Jan. 18.

Lt. Lonnie Heffington said the man had been identified as Herbert Taylor, 47, of Watsonville who was an employee of an electronics firm.

He said investigators were continuing to operate on the theory that Taylor was shot somewhere else and his body dumped in the Valley, but he said the site of the killing had not been identified.

He said detectives were talking to the man's acquaintances, including his fellow employees at the electronics company.

Asked specifically if drugs might be involved, Heffington said: "We're looking into that possibility. Certainly that's one of the first things that comes to mind in a killing like this."

Taylor, who was identified by his fingerprints, was reported to have been living in his car prior to his murder.

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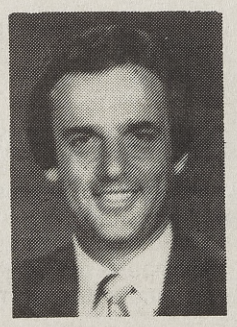
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Supervisors Decide Valley Traffic Is Still Under Threshold Levels

Traffic on Carmel Valley Road has not yet reached the threshold levels that would require postponement of new development under the Carmel Valley Master Plan, according to a Board of Supervisors resolution approved Jan. 30.

Although traffic counts prepared by the Public Works Department initially indicated that the master plan threshold had been exceeded on the portion of Carmel Valley Road between Ford Road and Laureles Grade, a more detailed special analysis determined that the level of traffic service had not fallen to the critical level. This was the second year in a row that the so called traffic trigger in the master plan has misfired.

George Divine, the County transportation engineer, explained to the supervisors that traffic counts may vary from 10 to 20 percent from one day to the next. With traffic counted only two days a year on twelve of the thirteen road segments monitored under the master plan, the annual traffic count figures are not a reliable basis for measuring actual changes in traffic conditions.

To remedy this problem, the Public Works Department suggested that the Board of Supervisors consider installing four permanent monitoring stations along Carmel Valley Road. Counts could be made on a daily basis throughout the year, and these daily counts could be used to calibrate the twice annual counts on the other road segments.

Installation of four permanent count stations would cost about $40,000. Annual operating cost, including weekly data retrieval, resetting equipment, and equipment maintenance could cost $10,000 per year. Supervisors will consider this suggestion when they review the 1990-91 County budget.

As an alternative to more intensive data collection, Public Works proposed a strategy of phasing road improvements with a funding program that would insure construction of the improvements in a timely fashion. The phasing of improvements and strategies for financing them are being considered in a Carmel Valley Master Plan Traffic EIR now scheduled to be circulated for public comment in March.

Widening Highway 1

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Carmel Valley Road. The underpass would improve the situation, Murray said, but traffic flow "would then be controlled by the signals at Rio Road, Carmel Rancho Boulevard, and Ocean Avenue. It would transfer the problem to Carmel Rancho Boulevard."

Caltrans already has the right-of-way to widen Highway 1 to six lanes, if needed, but there was consensus that six lanes is not a realistic answer. Widening to three or four lanes, respectively, would require removal of 100 or 150 trees. The widening would be on the east side of the existing highway between Carmel Valley Road and Atherton, and on the west side from Atherton to Ocean Avenue. Either alternative would allow sufficient right-of-way to replant vegetation as a buffer between the highway and residences.

Albright observed that widening of Highway 1 would change the character of the highway. There would be cuts and fills, and over half the project area would qualify for sound wall barriers, although such barriers would not be installed if the public didn't want them. "Congestion would soon build up again. As traffic volumes increase, more people would exit at Carpenter seeking alternative routes around the traffic backup. This would increase traffic congestion on the side streets," Albright explained.

"FREEWAY OPPONENTS apparently don't believe Caltrans' traffic projections, and they seem to be willing to put up with the impacts of traffic congestion on their quality of life," according to Albright. The traffic projections, he added, are based on historical trends in traffic growth coupled with analysis of the County's land use plans.

The Sierra Club position was presented by Steve Brooks, Noel Mapstead, and Scott Hennessy. Brooks, who chairs the club's Transportation Committee, explained that the "Sierra Club accepts the responsibility to find compromise solutions when social demands conflict with environmental preservation. We feel that widening Highway 1 to four lanes, with an interchange at Carmel Valley Road is a satisfactory compromise between the environmental and social requirements."

Mapstead discussed seven myths that he said have caused many people not to seriously consider widening Highway 1.

Myth 1: Caltrans does not own a four-lane right of way. Actually, Caltrans owns sufficient right-of-way for six lanes.

Myth 2: It would displace many homes. Depending upon design of the interchange at Carmel Valley Road, two homes might be displaced.

Myth 3: It would run through the backyards of dozens of homes. Actually, Caltrans would need only an eight-foot easement from approximately four lots near Ocean Avenue.

Myth 4: There would be no room for landscaping. Actually, 40 to 50 foot buffer zones for landscaping and pedestrian and bike paths would remain in most areas.

Myth 5: It would not get federal or state funds. Any of the alternatives studied by Caltrans are eligible for 80 percent federal and 20 percent state funding. The cost of widening of Highway 1 with underpass at Carmel Valley Road is $7.4 million. Hatton Canyon Freeway would cost $30 to $40 million.

Myth 6: It would be unsafe. Actually, the comparable four-lane stretch that already exists between Carpenter Street and Ocean Avenue has an outstanding safety record. Accident rate is below the state average for such roads.

Myth 7: It's a "band-aid" solution. Mapstead noted that Caltrans agrees with the Sierra Club position on the other "myths." The main issue, he said, is whether it really is only a band-aid. Will widening Highway 1 satisfy the traffic needs?

Mapstead asserted that Caltrans has failed to analyze the full traffic capacity of a widened highway. Increasing traffic capacity depends not just on adding more lanes, but on resolving cross traffic and turning conflicts. When Caltrans first analyzed widening Highway 1, it didn't even include an underpass at Carmel Valley Road. That underpass was subsequently added in response to public criticism. There are many additional ways of improving traffic flow that have still not been analyzed by Caltrans, Mapstead added.

These include:

- Closing access to Highway 1 from side streets like Mesa Drive.
- Posting "No Left Turn" signs at side streets such as Atherton, South Carmel Hills, Morse, and Handley.
- Consolidating driveways that feed onto Highway 1.
- Pedestrian overpass at Ocean Avenue for Carmel High School students.

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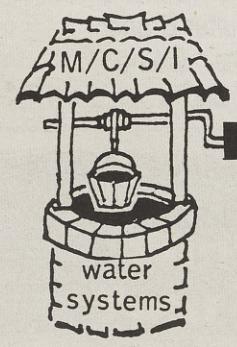

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Majority of Women Resist Life-Saving Mammograms

By Isabelle Hall

Despite growing proof that early detection of breast cancer can save your life, still only about 15 percent of women who need a mammogram will take this test.

First Ladies Betty Ford and Nancy Reagan are vivid demonstrations of health after breast cancer surgery following early detection of the disease. The national attention given such prominent victims of the disease spurs interest in mammograms for awhile but then it falls off again.

Why don't women get this quick, simple, painless test?

Mary Lou Catania, director of the Mammography Center of Monterey, opened her facility last July 5, confident there was sufficient business to support it and convinced of the overwhelming need for low-cost, low-dosage mammography.

"Business was brisk when we first opened," she said but that was largely because of a special program then being run by the American Cancer Society. Since then she has run into competition from local hospital facilities and the general lack of interest in this life-saving test.

"In 1988, there were 5,000 cases of breast cancer diagnosed as a result of mammograms while 42,000 persons died from the disease," she said. "The American Cancer Society estimates that at least 13,000 lives could be saved if women would take the test."

According to the American Cancer Society publication, "Cancer Facts & Figures—1989," the 5-year survival rate for localized breast cancer has risen from 78 percent in the 1940's to 90 percent today, and, if the breast cancer is not invasive, the survival rate approaches 100 percent. If the cancer has spread, however, the rate is 60 percent.

In 1989, breast cancer was second only to lung cancer as the foremost site of cancer deaths in women.

What's involved in a mammogram and why are women so leery of it?

The Mammography Center charges $75 and, since a state law was passed in 1989 requiring it, many health insurance programs will cover the cost.

The test takes about 10 minutes and does not hurt. There is brief discomfort as the breast is compressed but the x-ray is finished before the average woman can think about it. The Mammography Center is cheerfully decorated in soft pastels and flowers, designed to put you at ease.

Ms. Catania thinks too few doctors urge their patients to take a mammogram and even those that do, fail to follow up after the first test as they do with the now common Pap smear. Physicians routinely send mailed reminders to patients that it is time for their annual Pap smear but not for mammograms which are recommended by the American Cancer Society every year for women 50 and over, every 1 to 2 years for women 40 to 49, and once as a baseline test for women 35 to 39. In addition, a professional physical examination of the breast is recommended every three years for women 20 to 40, and every year for those over 40.

Besides the lack of emphasis placed on the test by many doctors, Ms. Catania says a lot of women simply have "the ostrich syndrome" in that "they don't want to know."

The American Cancer Society recommends the monthly practice of breast self-examination by women 20 and older. It found that mammography could find cancers too small to be felt by the most experienced examiner.

Warning signals include: breast changes that persist such as a lump, thickening, swelling, dimpling, skin irritation, distortion, retraction or scaliness of the nipple, nipple discharge, pain or tenderness.

Risk factors are: over age 50; personal or family history of breast cancer; never had children; first child after age 30.

Cookbook to Help Child Abuse Prevention

A cookbook illustrated with local children's art will be published in April during Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Titled, "Friends & Hor d'oeuvres..A Winning Combination," the book will sell for $10. Proceeds will go to the County Child Abuse Prevention Council to help prevent child abuse. The organization asks that advance orders be placed through CAPC Cookbook, 1000 South Main St., Suite 108, Salinas, CA 93901.

X-RAY TECHNICIAN ANNETTE DE LORIMIER with the equipment used for breast examinations at the Mammography Center of Monterey. *Sun Photo by John Anderson.*

Brennans Surprised on 50th Anniversary

Friends planned a surprise 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Mark and Ibby Brennan in the Village on Feb. 6. Some 25 friends and relatives were invited including surprise guests from Virginia and Florida.

The Brennans, who have lived in Carmel since 1967 when Brennan retired from the Army, were feted at Plaza Linda Mexican Restaurant. Planners said they chose it because the Brennans honeymooned in Monterrey, Mexico, after their wedding at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., on Feb. 6, 1940.

Out of town guests included Mrs. Brennan's sister, Martha Sebree McAlister of Satellite Beach, Fla., and the Brennan's son, Mark Jr., of Fairfax, Va. Mrs. McAlister had been her sister's maid of honor.

Mrs. Brennan's wedding dress, which also had been worn by her grandmother in 1883, was displayed at the party.

Chapel Seeks Singers for Messiah Choir

The Carmel Valley Community Chapel, planning to present the second part of Handel's Messiah on Palm Sunday, is looking for volunteer singers to fill out the choir.

Music Director Steve Tosh said "If you sing, or used to sing, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet some friendly people and enjoy a fine musical experience."

He asked volunteers to call the chapel between 9 a.m. and noon, Tuesday through Friday, at 659-2278.

A professional quartet of soloists will participate in the oratorio at 3 p.m. on April 8.

Tosh said rehearsals will be held at noon on Sunday Feb. 11, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 and April 1.

BLM Botanist Presents Slide Program to Native Plant Society

Teresa Prendusi, botanist for the Bureau of Land Management, will show slides and discuss rare plant issues at the Feb. 20 meeting of the local chapter of the California Native Plant Society, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Brey Library, Carmel High School. The public is welcome. For further information call 659-2528.

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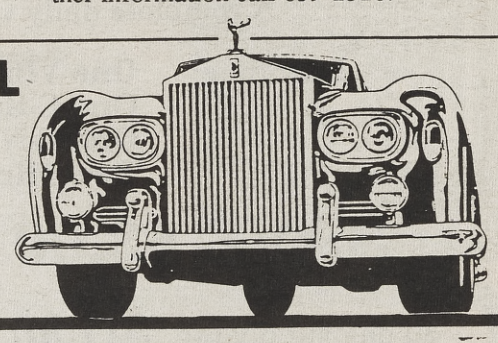

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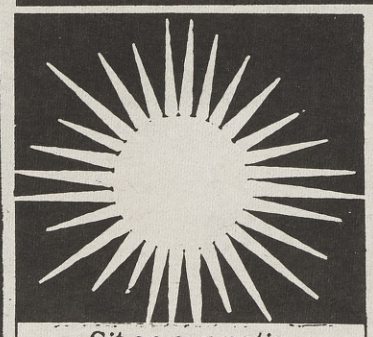

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Yesteryears

By Elizabeth Barratt

Old-Time Taste Treats

Recently, the Carmel Valley History Society received an interesting set of oral history tapes from Julie Risdon. The interviews, done in the early 1950's recorded a conversation with Francisca Abbey and Emma Ambrosia, cousins who were both descendants of the Boronda family.

Their ancestor, Jose Manuel Boronda, had been granted the 6,625-acre Los Laureles tract by Governor Alvarado in 1839. The Boronda family occupied the land in 1840, and were the first permanent rancheros to live in Carmel Valley. Their adobe home remained in the family until the late 1860's when Jose Manuel's oldest son sold it to Nathan Spaulding.

Both Mrs. Abbey and Mrs. Ambrosia were in their 80's at the time of the taped interview, much of which relates to life in the old adobe as related to them by their families.

Food and food preparation figured prominently in their discussion. Soup was a big item on the daily menu, as was meat preparation and preservation. Mrs. Ambrosia recalled her grandmother's food, "...every day she had soup. there was never a day would go by without soup. No meat on Fridays or fast days. She used to make all kinds of stews--different kinds--some with meat, some with chicken, some with whatever she raised around the house. Pork, she used to make the most wonderful Espidata. You know what that means? She used to have crocks--big crocks and she used to put salted meat in first, then she used to make a sauce with chilis and all kinds of herbs and put it over that meat. It would keep for a long time. It would pickle the meat."

Life in the 1800's wasn't simple. The kitchen was a fulltime job: no refrigerator, no ready mixes, even bread preparation was time-consuming. Mrs. Ambrosia elaborates, "Grandmother used to make wonderful bread...she never used baking powder, she used to make her own yeast with hops. She also made Pan Dulce, something like cake. It would be served as a sweet for the children."

In addition to a day spent over a hot stove, the lady of the house could expect to churn her own butter, as well as raise chickens and hogs. In addition, there was the vegetable garden to tend, and it always produced tomatos, chili peppers and squash.

It was the squash which produced a Boronda family favorite, a sweet Mrs. Ambrosia called a "Conserva." She explained, "Now you wouldn't believe you could candy squash but it's put through a process where you harden the pumpkin in lime overnight and then you make a syrup and cook the pumpkin in it for several days. It gets the color of amber and you can put a piece of pumpkin up and see through it like a piece of glass."

The lime referred to was slaked, Mrs. Ambrosia said. The pumpkin appears to be a variety unlike the round orange squash we know. She described it as a long squash, dark green, and with a little bit of yellow coloring. "You cut it up in little squares and you take the skin off it. You have to take a little hatchet to cut it open it is so hard. You could find it here in the Valley, the Wolters had them. We always had Conserva during the holidays. Just a few days before Christmas."

Mrs. Ambrosia admitted sending several quarts of her Conserva to test in a New York specialty market. "It was so good you always wanted another piece," she adds, "and I've seen grapefruit as clear and wonderful...and winter pears."

The Conserva must have been popular, as the crocks were kept in the parents' bedroom away from the children. Sometimes hiding treats from the kids was too effective, as Mrs. Ambrosia relates, "We had an attic in my old home and crocks were put up there. I went up to look for something and in the dark put my hand in a crock and it came out gooey. I stuck my hand in my mouth and it was good! My uncle went up and brought it down. It was huckleberries that had been up there for five years and they had candied. The way they put them up was just with a paper over the top of the crock...things kept in those days. Today they go to so much trouble to put up fruit."

Conserva, the pumpkin sweet, was popularly known in Early California as Dulce de Calabaza. Barrel Cactus candy was made in a similar manner, with both recipes requiring soaking in lime water overnight and long hours of simmering first in water and later in sugar until the pieces crystalized.

Editors Note: "Yesteryears," a column about local history, is written under the auspices of the Carmel Valley History Society. The group meets Tuesdays at 7:340 p.m. at Rosie's Cracker Barrel on Esquiline Road. The public is welcome.

What's Blooming

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Sun Photo by Isabelle Hall

Friends to Mark CV Library's 11th Year

The Friends of the Library will celebrate the beginning of the Carmel Valley Library's 11th year on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Buckeye Building.

President Bob Annand said the party will also celebrate the relationship that exists between Friends of the Library, local patrons of the library and its staff.

He encouraged all residents to attend the 3-5 p.m get together. Refreshments will be served, including a birthday cake that has been promised by Carole French, Annand said.

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Major American Watercolor Show At Marjorie Evans Gallery

By Anita DeCarlo

This was perhaps the most prestigious show of a current body of art to be shown on the Monterey Peninsula. The American Watercolor Society (AWS) was formed in 1866. Age does benefit some things. Wine and cheese come to mind. But the AWS does not. An overall view of the paintings as a body of work represents a 124-year accumulation of tools and techniques. I am not a Miniver Cheevy. If the tools, in fact, do function as an extension of the man, they are beneficial. If they do not, they are tools and techniques only, the man is only the manipulator of the tool, is no longer a viable part of the product, and we cannot truly call it creativity.

These 50 paintings were selected for awards by fellow members of the AWS and we can safely assume that they represent their standard for what the best of

ANITA DECARLO

watercolor should be. This, then, potentially sets a standard for aspiring watercolorists. I think it is essential for the aspiring watercolorist to separate the range of tools and techniques available to him from the product and evaluate them in terms of his own goals. Each painter will determine his goal from his knowledge of historical art and its function, his level of awareness of aesthetics and what constitutes the universal standards for aesthetic, his experience in the creative act, itself, and his awareness of his own role in that act, his perception of his role as a painter in the greater context of his "neighborhood" and his need for positive response from that "neighborhood."

This preamble is necessary to create a context for this review because the immediate impact on many viewers has been, "Oh-my-god-this-is-great," but the most pertinent question to me is great what? Great technique and range of tools.

If it appears to be a print, or an oil or an acrylic (which is technically a waterbase medium), is it a great watercolor? I am attacking technique first. All these paintings were technically superb but not technically superb watercolor. Watercolor traditionally used, without the introduction of other chemicals such as salt or alcohol has infinite possibilities of creating texture, opacity, transparency and edge variety through knowledge of the interaction of the different pigments. The thrill of the medium is in its infinitely unfolding possibilities. A lifetime of learning.

Some examples of paintings in the show which were "interchangeable media:" Dale Meyer"s "Dragon Flies," an abstract, probably acrylic, certainly gesso was introduced, but the overall appearance is oil, viewed aesthetically outside the context of medium, it is a conceptually successful depiction of mobile planes of space and one of the most interesting paintings in the show.

Two others whose media definition is unclear, *Hsing-Ha Chang's* "Paper and Stone"and Joan Ashley Rothermal's "A for Astrology," are conceptually contrived and not very interesting.

You can see the overlap here: setting aside technicalities of the medium they can be good (interesting, successful, artful etc.) or not. Somewhere there is some old reference to something about "it" being both interesting and original but what was original was not interesting and what was interesting was not original. It came to mind, especially in regard to composition. June Bower's "Calligraphy by Mother Nature" is specifically an overdone in all media--including photography--of reeds in the water which was true blue watercolor but done as an act of tedium. By way of contrast, Terry Baker's "Palm Series #4" executed in the same way is very much a watercolor but as a responsive act to the potential of the medium, the subject and the aesthetic. It's an original and it is interesting.

"RELUCTANT GOODBYE." by Jan Holmes, winner of the Emily Lowe Memorial Award, American Watercolor Society ,1989.

Photo courtesy, American Watercolor Society.

Jan Holme's: "Reluctant Goodbye," an alcohol watercolor, is original but not aesthetically interesting—spatial confusion between color and edge.

Don Getz' "Old Oliver," I am sure I"ve seen that tractor by another name. It is a contrived subject and the compositional use of negative is terribly self-conscious.

The consciously graphic paintings seen on the pages of a glossy mag would constitute very classy ads. But do they

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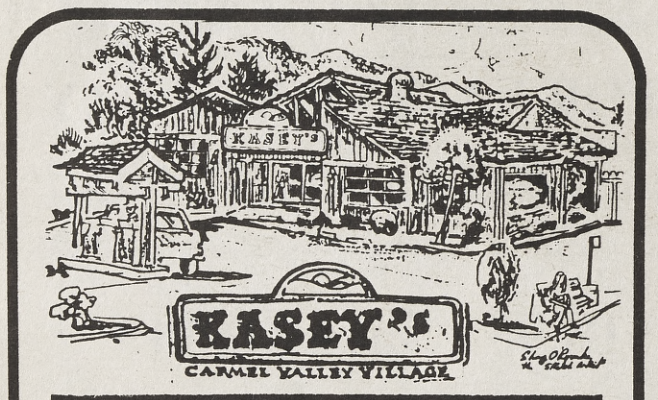

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ART HAPPENINGS

Travel Photography by Raymond Kelly is featured this month at the Carmel Valley Manor Hallway Gallery, 8545 Carmel Valley Road, 9 to 5 daily.

Artists and Craftsmen dedicated to research on birds of prey will exhibit at the 4th annual "Whale of an Art Show," at Monterey's Custom House Plaza, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Feb. 17-18. Wildlife paintings by Carmel artist Jack Wall will be included. The Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary, currently trying to restore the Bald Eagle and other endangered raptors to the Central California Coast, will benefit from the event.

Grace Meredith has an exhibit, "Colors, California 00001," at Gallery Seven, 205 17th St., Pacific Grove, Tues.-Sat., 1-5 p.m. through March 9.

The Photographic Center, Sunset Center, Carmel, will conduct a black and white workshop for intermediate to advanced photographers to travel to Spain, April 7-21, under the leadership of four seasoned photographers. 625-5181.

James Schietinger, Associate Professor of Art, Millikin University, Decatur, Ill, has an exhibit of ceramic sculpture at the Monterey Peninsula College Art Gallery through Feb. 27. He will conduct a workshop on ceramic casting in the MPC ceramics studios, Feb. 24-25. 394-2010.

"The Fields of Nature and Spirit," a collection of images by Monterey photographer Richard Garrod, has opened at The Gallery of the Sister Kieran Memorial Library, Santa Catalina School, through Feb. 28.

The Oriental Art Society of the Monterey Peninsula will hold its February meeting at the Community Room, Crossroads Shopping Center, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 13. Wallace Thompson will present a slide-illustrated talk on "The Art of Gandhara," an ancient land now part of Pakistan, just north of the Khyber Pass.

Brush Strokes

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constitute art? The key word here is consciously, or self-consciously—the design grabs you, which is what makes good advertising, is contrived, to the total exclusion of spontaneity. Jerry Ellis' "Wheel Series #21 Yellow Box Car," lacks originality as well. And, I don't mean just that the subject matter has been seen before—Monet painted the haystacks dozens of times but each was "original," spontaneous, responsive, aesthetic and new in insight.

William Vrscak's "The Pepsi Drinker" almost fantastic, but it flashed by on MTV. I wish Mr. Vrscak a little more integrity, he already has so much more than skill.

There are also so many illustrations in the exhibition: Randall Higden's "Red Cushion"—beautiful design, strong, good handling of the watercolor. Why isn't it more than illustration? N.C. Wyeth was one of our greatest illustrators and, himself, grieved for time to become an artist. But he was, and he was fantastic. He lived and loved to paint which he did in the act of "illustrating." His drive (unconscious goal) was to create and no more and he was driven by his own aesthetically demanding muse. He had integrity. No part of the painting outside of the whole was a goal. No demand from the "neighborhood" influenced his muse. He had integrity.

Notice there were things that I liked in the show for one reason or another. But I did not see integrity in more than three of the 50 paintings. Given enough tools and enough time and the feeling is that any random painter could duplicate what was there.

ANITA DECARLO conducts a critique of students' work at her Outdoor Watercolor class gathered at Whaler's Cove, Pt. Lobos. *Sun Photo by Isabelle Hall*

DeCarlo Has One-Woman Show in March

The Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center will present a one-woman show in March of watercolors by Anita DeCarlo, art reviewer for the Carmel Valley Sun and the painting and drawing instructor for Carmel Adult School.

Among paintings in the show will be several representing demonstrations for students which Ms. DeCarlo does for her six weekly classes. A prolific painter, she tosses much of her work away to help her students "form a reverence for the process of painting rather than for the end product so that they might always be a learner."

Ms. DeCarlo earned her Masters in Fine Art from the University of Wisconsin and has been actively involved as an artist for 27 years, 18 of them on the Monterey Peninsula. She has shown in the past at such local galleries as The Linder and Casa Dolores as well as The annex Gallery in Santa Rosa.

Her work has been accepted in juried exhibitions in Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Las Vegas and in California regularly at the Monterey County Fair, the Monterey County Painting and Sculpture Show, the Annual Statewide Exhibition in Santa Cruz and the Pacific Grove Annual Watercolor Competitive where she won an award in 1988.

She has had one woman shows at the Marjorie Evans Gallery in the past as well as at The Pacific Grove Art Center, Del Mesa, Carmel Valley Manor and the Unitarian Church of Carmel. She is annually represented in group shows with the *National League of American Pen Women* and The Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation, two organizations of which she is a member. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Central Coast Winners in 26th Biennial Art Show

Two Monterey women and a Carmel Valley man won top honors Friday in the 26th Biennial Central Coast Art Association Juried Show at the Marjorie Evans Gallery at Sunset Center.

Kathleen Stoker won first place for "San Carlos," a watercolor and Frances Sterling placed second with "Cypress Grove," a watercolor. Rolph Lygren of Carmel Valley was third with a watercolor entitled, "Sunrise at Carmel Valley Ranch." Judy Baird of Carmel was fourth while Tony Perez of Monterey and Ethel Alvey of Carmel Valley both received an honorable mention.

Judges for the show were Robynn Smith and John Robie. The paintings will be on display until Feb. 28.-

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A TRANQUIL POND high in the secluded mountains of Rancho San Carlos which has been purchased by Union Pacific Co. for a luxurious development

Land Trust Buys Old Redwoods

The Big Sur Land Trust's seven-year quest to acquire and protect a grove of the oldest and largest redwood trees in the county is over.

Escrow on the 1,100-acre Westbrook Land and Timber Co. property closed Feb. 1, making it the trust's for $1.35 million and halting any further threat of logging. Located just south of Carmel Valley, the property is between Rancho San Carlos and the Fish Ranch. Access is only through Rancho San Carlos Road west of the Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club.

The purchase was financed largely by a donation from Art and Harriet Mittledorf of Pebble Beach. It brought to some 8,200 acres land the trust has purchased in the county to protect it.

The Westbrook property contains 750-year old redwoods—one of them 50 feet around at its base. The canyons and steep hillsides also are covered with ancient madrones and oaks.

Over protests, Westbrook logged 30-40 percent of the redwoods during harvesting that began in 1983. When the company planned to resume harvesting in 1988, the trust intensified its efforts to purchase the property and stop the logging.

A complicated lawsuit between Westbrook and John A. Murphy, owner of an adjoining parcel, remains unresolved, but an attorney for the trust said it would not affect the purchase.

VIEW OF THE GOLF COURSE at Meadowood from the Clubhouse.

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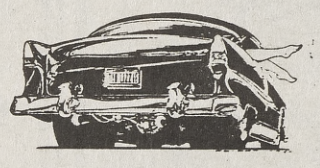

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Will Rancho San Carlos Look Like Napa Resort?

Meadowood, the exclusive resort owned by the company buying Rancho San Carlos south of Carmel Valley, is so secluded you need a map to find it in the beautiful Napa Valley.

The Pacific Union Co. of San Francisco, due to close on the Carmel property Feb. 15, plans a low-density neighborhood of ranchettes with a package of amenities that would make it one of the "finest residential communities in the world," according to chairman Peter Stocker.

If it is anything like Meadowood, it would be halfway there. Acquired by Pacific Union Co. in 1979, the 250-acre resort used to be a private golf club and still suffers somewhat from the ultra-exclusive image and its almost total seclusion on the east side of Napa Valley.

A tiny sign off Silverado Road east of St. Helena says simply, "Meadowood," as you drive up Howell Mountain Road, then twist around a field of grapevines past some large homes winding your way up a steep grade to the guarded gate of the resort.

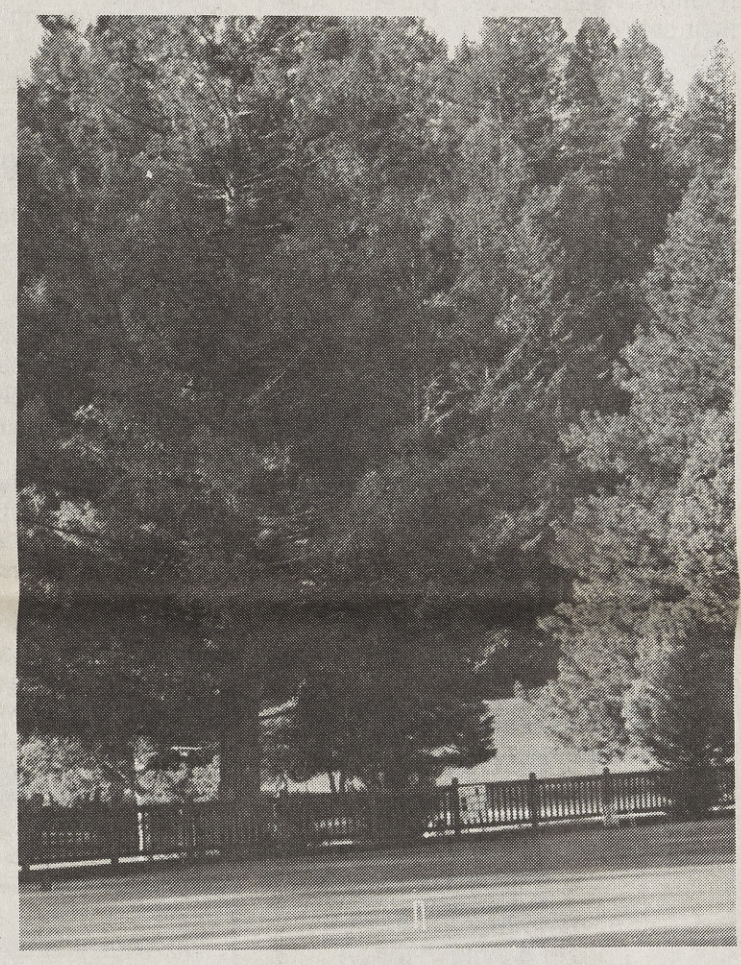
The beauty of this resort lies in its natural site of towering pine, fir and redwood trees with the cottages tastefully nestled into the hillsides.

Rooms range from $200 a night for a studio or chalet to $295 for a one-bedroom suite and up to $535 for specialty suites with a two-night minimum on weekends. The prices are comparable to Carmel Valley's Quail Lodge where "in-season" rates range from $205 to $495 for the top suite and Highlands Inn where a room is $209 and the "Presidential Suite" costs $550 a night.

Among amenities at Meadowood are the golf course, tennis courts, a croquet lawn and hiking trails plus a fine dining room, The Starmont, which has the top floor of a separate lodge on the golf course.

Although the site is only about 350 feet above sea level, you have the illusion of being up much higher.

Started as a private golf club in 1969 with a proposed development of private homes, the concept never took off. Today, the only private home within the complex is used by the resort manager.



THE SPRAWLING CLUBHOUSE and conference center contains the Starmont Restaurant and Fairway Grill at Meadowood, top. A stream meanders through the golf course, left, and towering trees frame the manicured croquet lawn.

Story and Photos By Isabelle Hall

$70 Million Paid For San Carlos

Pacific Union Co. will pay $70 million for the 20,000-acre Rancho San Carlos on the southern edge of Carmel Valley, according to knowledgeable sources.

Asked specifically about that figure, the principals would not confirm it. Judith Brown, a partner in Pacific Union, said they had agreed not to disclose sale terms until after escrow closes Feb. 15.

The company announced two weeks ago it was buying the property with hopes of building 360 residences, a 140-room conference center, two golf courses and equestrian facilities on it.

Ms. Brown told the *Sun* no detailed plans have been drawn up, but Pacific Union wants to follow the concepts it used in creating Meadowood in the Napa Valley in seeking to develop the ranch.

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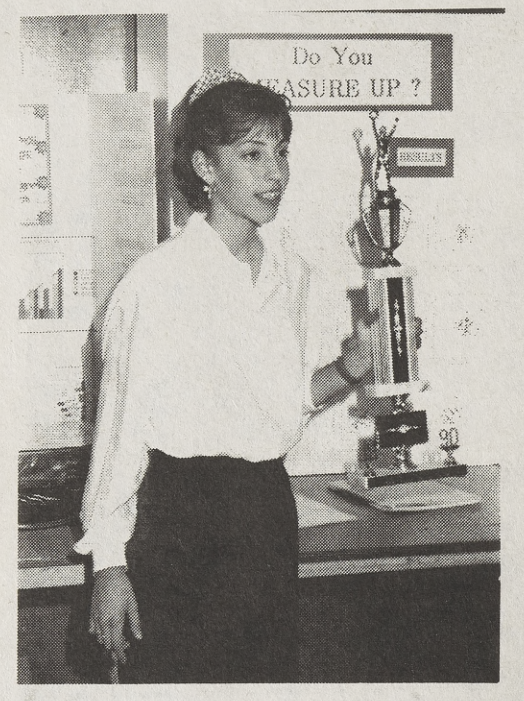

DANIELLE WALL, 8th grade grand prize winner, examined the physical relationships between parents and their children.

Sun photos by John Anderson

EXAMINING SEED GERMINATION rates in different soils won top prize for Emi Terasawa among 6th grade entrants at the Middle School Science Fair on Jan. 24. Some 1,200 parents and friends attended the fair. Principal Karl Pallastrini said that out of a school enrollment of 460, 450 projects were entered in the fair.

WILL MORRIS, top 7th grade winner, studied the behavior of hummingbirds, finding they preferred sugar water to plain.

T-Ball, Little League Signups Scheduled

Boys and girls 6-8 years old who want to play in the T-Ball league will have three dates to sign up this month—Sat., Feb. 17, 10-12; Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7-9 and Thurs., Feb. 22, 7-9.

All the signup sessions will be at the Carmel Valley Little League park. Registration is $15 per player and a $10 late fee will be charged after March 30.

To be eligible, players must be 6 years old by Aug. 1 and should bring their birth certificates to the signup if they have not played before.

Questions about T-Ball should be directed to Nick Garnero at 659-2485.

In other developments leading up to the 1990 season, Little League officials reminded boys and girls 8-12 that they can sign up Tues., Feb. 13, 7-9; Thurs., Feb. 15, 7-9; and, Sat., Feb. 24, 10-12.

Those signups will be held at the little League park, too. The fee is $35 and will rise to $50 after March 10.

Dates for Little League tryouts for youngsters who have not played on a major league team also were announced. They will be March 3 for 10-12 year olds and March 10 for 9 year olds. The rain date is March 17. All tryouts will begin at 8:45 a.m and last until about 1 p.m.

Any questions on the Little League should be directed to Richard Rosenthal at 659-4077.

CV Little League Plans Program

The Carmel Valley Little League, gearing up for its busiest season yet, plans to put out a program for 1990 league play.

It will contain a feature article chronicling the history of the league from its inception in 1958 to the present. It also will carry listings of the schedules, sponsors and teams for 1990.

League President Richard Rosenthal said he was seeking any residents who played on or had pictures or clippings of the 1966 Red Sox, Volunteers or the 1968 All-Star team. He asked them to contact him at 659-5193 or Michael Stamp at 373-1214 so that their recollections could be included in the program.

Advisory Committees

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hour at a Jan. 24 planning commission meeting when Planning Director Robert Slimmon, Jr., reportedly "banged his fist on the table" and said, "This is the way it's going to be, " Highland-Bixby members said.

Commissioners Marit Evans and L.M. "Moe" Orrett, who were at the meeting, told the Highlands-Bixby Committee there was "no discussion and no vote. "

"We were cut off from discussing it," Ms. Evans said. "I know people are suspicious. It is supposed to be for just three months but there is no time limit on the action."

Projects eliminated from advisory committee review include: small accessory structures of a maximum 450 square feet, such as guest houses, studios, garages; additions of 10 percent or less of existing floor area to 1,000 square feet maximum; minor modifications to the design and location of approved projects; exterior remodels; skylights; solar panels; re-roofing; re-siding; fireplaces; door and window changes; decks; projects; hot tubs, spas; pools; water tanks less than 10,000 gallons; private satellite antennas; fences and gates; retaining walls; and color changes.

The effect will be to eliminate virtually all but new construction from advisory committee review, a process which permits neighborhood input.

Orrett said 80 percent of the applications that come before the planning commission are from the 5th District which includes the city of Carmel, all of Carmel Valley, the Big Sur coast, about half of Monterey and of Pebble Beach and the Highway 68 corridor to the edge of Salinas. The district encompasses most of the county's critical view shed and environmentally sensitive areas.

"Practically the whole district is critical view shed," Orrett said. Eleven of the 17 advisory committees are in the 5th District. Orrett attended committee meetings in Carmel and at Highlands Monday.

Highlands-Bixby member Richard Stokes said, "The number of new houses we get are very few. I think it's a great mistake to take this away from the committee with no public input—no notice to the committee."

"What do you mean they're doing this because they have too little help?' asked member Elaine Gloodt. "They want to eliminate us" Stokes commented. "I don't see how one person, unless he's a dictator, can set up such a ruling. "

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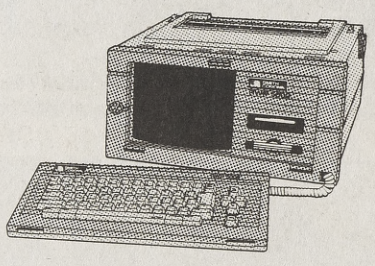

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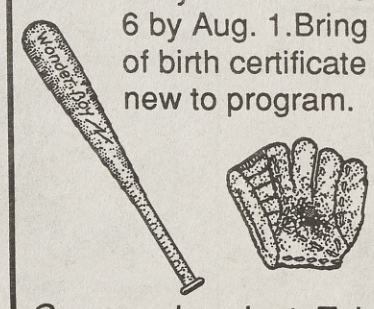

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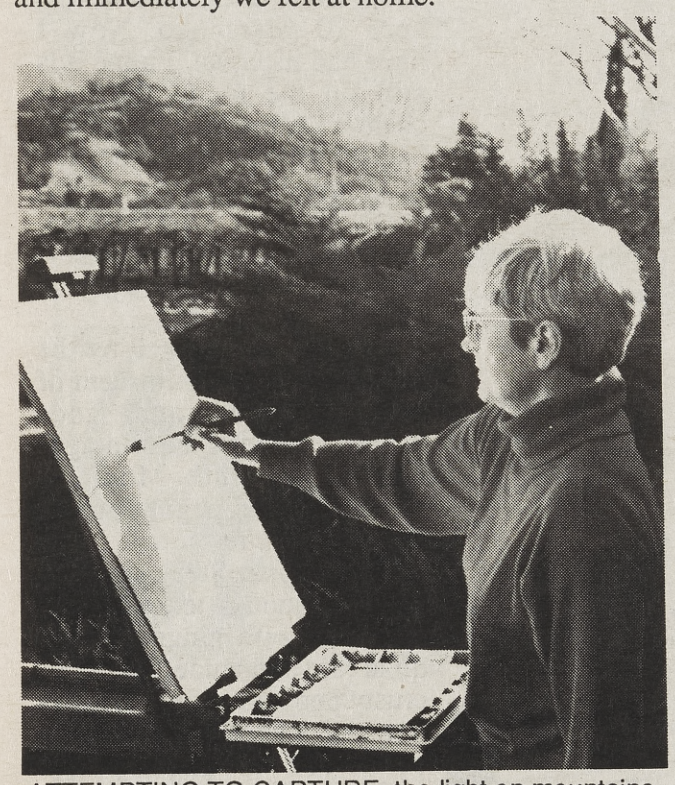
Out and About

By Isabelle Hall

It was a "Mystery Tour" that ended after many wrong turns at a secluded cottage on the banks of the Napa River at the edge of a vineyard.

We had driven north from Carmel for a weekend at the private guesthouse owned by Sterling Vineyards, knowing nothing about our destination beyond a rather crude map indicating it was somewhere between Sterling's majestic winery and the town of Calistoga. We drove down three country roads before finding it across a narrow, wooden bridge, nestled by the river, and immediately we felt at home.



ATTEMPTING TO CAPTURE the light on mountains in Napa Valley. *Sun photo by Stan Hall.*

The simple three-bedroom house was waiting to welcome us with fresh white linen, plumped pillows and comforters on the beds, so inviting I simply had to crawl inside and have a nap. There was a bottle of champagne and a bottle of Sterling's prized 1987 Carneros chardonnay, chilling in the refrigerator. The fireplace was waiting to be lit.

A full window wall in the living room looked across the barren grapevines to the Los Posados State Forest mountains on the east side of Napa Valley. I had never imagined that looking at a mountain could be so restful yet so fascinating with the light and shadows constantly changing. The Calistoga airport, a scant 1,000 yards away, was busy with small aircraft taking off, gliders in tow behind them. We watched the gliders being freed from their lines to catch the wind and soar over the mountains, then return and land powerless and silent.

There was even reading material for the weekend hideaway on the library shelves flanking the brick fireplace. A catholic collection to say the least, from "The Garrulous Gourmet" to "The Gideon Bible," "Complete Works of O. Henry," "The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat," and "In Search of Excellence." Magazines extolling wineries and restaurants in the area tempted us out of this comfortable little nest though we were torn by the thought of simply cooking in the fully equipped kitchen and eating by the fire.

Instead, we headed back south on Highway 29 to "Mustards," one of the restaurants started by Cindy Polcywn, a highly successful restaurateur-chef who was one of the original owners of Rio at the Crossroads in Carmel. Just like Rio, it was jammed with people. It was curious to find almost the identical menu and many other similarities in the two restaurants.

Waking Saturday morning, I found the light was highlighting the peaks in such an intriguing way, I had to get out my watercolors to try and capture it.

Overnight, the temperature had fallen into the low 20's and the ground was frosty; ice clung to the bare vines in the field, all strung up like rows of wooden soldiers. By the time I had put up my easel, my hands were so cold I had to run inside. Still, I managed to get an underpainting by working furiously until my fingers froze and huddling in the house until they warmed up enough to handle the brush again.

As a child growing up in Canada, I froze my fingers and toes on more than one occasion, foolishly staying out in the snow to play too long or skating in the early winter evenings even after my extremities had gone numb. Today, in the slightest cold my hands and feet freeze as if it were below zero.

But, we didn't drive 350 miles for me to paint so we took off to explore some of the towns we

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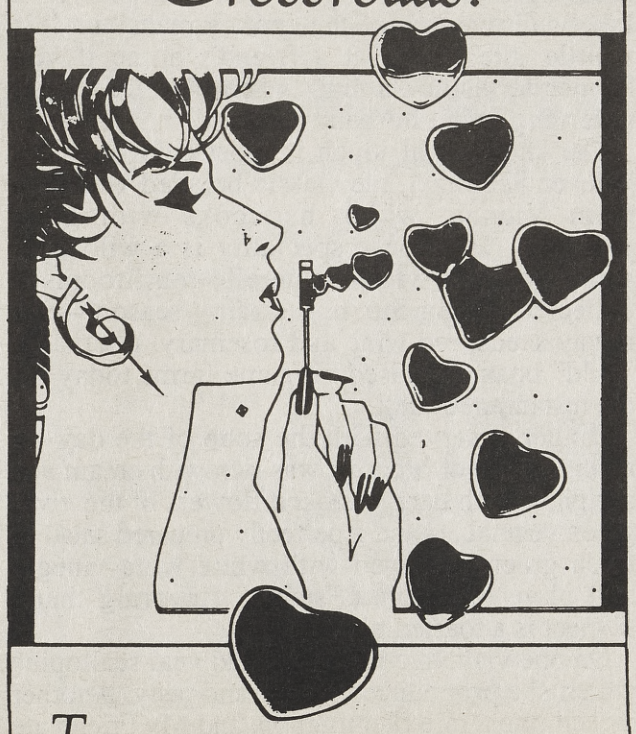

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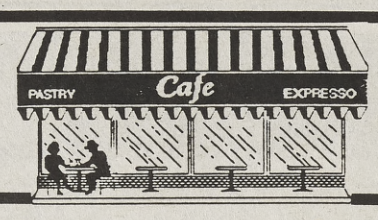

Victoria House

An 1890's gingerbread house, the Hart Mansion, is the setting for Victoria House, a continental-style restaurant run by Gernot Leitzinger, a native of Austria.

The three-story, creamy yellow house sits high on Lighthouse overlooking the wide boulevard. What once must have been Dr. Hart's parlor is now the main dining room with tall windows from which to watch the street and wonder what could have been seen 100 years ago.

Echoing the past, the house is charmingly decorated in bold wallpapers with big cabbage roses that accent the stained glass window. There is dark hardwood on the floor and dark wood moldings, just what you would expect in a Pacific Grove turn-of-the-century mansion. It is a little like eating at a friend's home if you happen to visit on a night when Mrs. Leitzinger is serving as her husband cooks.

The chef's light touch is most evident in his Wiener Schnitzel, the classic breaded veal dish from Vienna, which he cooks with great delicacy. His house speciality is a wild boar stew, flavored with chanterelle mushrooms—collected in Big Sur in the rainy season—caraway seeds, red wine and rosemary. (Actually, "wild" boar are raised on game farms today for the restaurant trade).

Dinner is served with the soup of the day—a recent cream of broccoli was rich with cream and sprightly with barely cooked flowers of the vivid green vegetable--and a perfectly prepared salad of fresh greens, dressed with white wine vinegar and olive oil, plus a "secret" flavoring that I suspect is a toasted pine nut.

On one visit, a companion had veal scallopine which she pronounced tender and tasty. Another tucked into a rare filet mignon, and My Friend ate venison, the other game on the menu. All were good, more memorable than the choices on a second visit of roast duck and rack of lamb. The fresh salmon filet I chose was as outstanding, in my opinion, as the Wiener Schnitzel on my first visit. All the dishes were accompanied by creamy egg noodles and green beans with a touch of red pimento.

A fresh apple tart came attractively placed on a little pool of Creme Anglaise. The Profiterole with ice cream and chocolate sauce was not as well received. Perhaps, the waitress should have been more assertive about recommending what was just made that day.

As befits any restaurant with an Austrian aura, the coffee was excellent. We will be back for another graciously served meal in a warm and inviting house.

Victoria House Restaurant. 649 Lighthouse Ave. Pacific Grove. 646-1477.

THE VICTORIA HOUSE Restaurant in Pacific Grove. *Sun Photo by Bob Bates.*

Domaine Chandon

It's a good thing Domaine Chandon is at least a three-hour drive away because the temptation to dine there is irresistible. Not only is the dining room inviting with its soaring glass windows, wood and steel construction, huge fresh flower arrangements and soft peach table cloths, the food is about as good as there is.

Looking for a light meal at a rather late lunch, I chose an arugula salad that reached the heights of gustatory delight. A mound of tender arugula leaves was decorated with paper thin slices of prosciutto and parmesan and dressed with the zingy flavors of truffle oil and vinegar. A slice of home baked Calimyrna fig bread was on the side.

My Friend has been raving about a rare duck salad he had here 10 years ago. Now I have had its equal. I hope it is still on the menu the next chance I get to go north to the Napa Valley. Even the rich wild mushroom soup with fresh Oregon chanterelles, crisp bits of garlic and a pungent parsley pesto crouton paled in comparison.

You will be tempted by the bread which is reminiscent of Basque bread and goes beautifully with the vintages bottled at the Moet & Chandon champagne factory that owns the restaurant.

Tuna Pepper Steak sounded different enough to tempt MF. Flavored with ginger, it was quite rare and tender under its crusty pepper coating. Equally unusual was its presentation on a bed of garlic-potato puree, surrounded by a brilliant green onion confit.

"Les Desserts" are outstanding at Domaine Chandon and we were determined to at least share one but it was a difficult choice between such treats as Chocolate feuillette with

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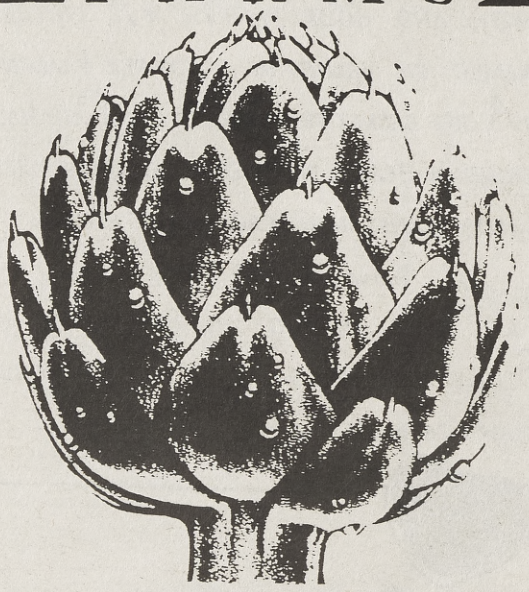

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coconut-rum ice cream, strawberries and chocolate sauce or raspberry millefeuille with caramelized almond pastry and Grand Marnier cream or even warm thin apple tart with Scotch Whiskey ice cream.

We settled on pear and sundried cherry crisp with Tahitian vanilla bean ice cream and hit the jackpot. Cooked in an individual casserole, the sweet pear was blended with tart sundried cherries that had plumped in the cooking and covered with a buttery topping crisped almost to the candy stage. It was still hot enough from the oven to melt the creamy ice cream.

French Roast Coffee was a nice aftertaste to the house Blanc de Noirs we had enjoyed with the meal. If you have time, take the tour of the champagne factory (the tour guides are usually from France and extremely knowledgeable) and then have lunch. Reservations are essential.

Domaine Chandon, Yountville, CA. 707-944-2892.

Out and About

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had only driven through in the past. Calistoga with its rising clouds of steam from the hot thermal springs of the spas beckoned to the north but so did St. Helena and all its surrounding wineries.

If you were looking for a pleasant small town in which to settle, St. Helena would be worth investigating. The two-lane highway is its main street, lined with the hardware store, drugstore, auto supplies, dress stores, an art gallery, the local newspaper, a law office, a store full of Oriental jewelry and artifacts, a Mexican restaurant, a cafe. They had a comforting look of permanence, housed as they were in beautifully kept 100-year-old buildings.

Just north of the commercial center, the road is flanked with huge elm trees whose branches form a canopy across it. Interesting old mansions sit well back from the road. Just beyond the wineries begin. We chose to stop at the Christian Brothers because it is such a forbidding-looking, massive building built of local stone in the 1830's when it must have been the most important edifice in the area.

At the door was a young woman with the voice of Elvira from the Muensters—or perhaps it was my fanciful imagination given the brooding, mysterious feeling of the wine "castle." It was perfect type-casting in any event. Her black hair hung straight to her shoulders, framing a pale face slashed with bright red lipstick. She invited us in with deep, measured tones to "take the tour" at 2 p.m. In my mind, I had already written a murder mystery, "Death in the Vineyards."

Outside, the huge beds of pansies and primroses jerked me back to reality and we drove on, intrigued by the fields of cheerful yellow mustard weed flowering between the rows of grapevines. My husband, a former farmer, is personally affronted by the thought that any weeds are permitted to flourish in fields, drinking

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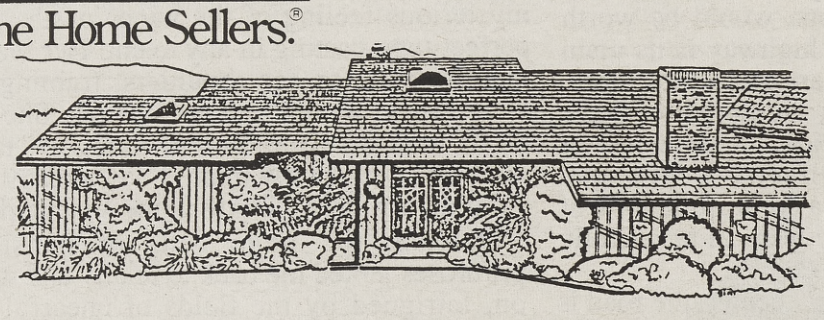

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Home Sales

The following property sales were recorded in the office of the Monterey County Recorder from Dec. 27 to Jan. 8. The information is taken from records available to the public. Sale prices are estimated on the basis of transfer tax paid to the county.

The *Sun* makes every effort to report these sales accurately, but anyone should consult a Realtor or other investment professional before taking action based on this information.

Lower Carmel Valley

DORRIS DRIVE. Carmel Valley Office Associates to Albert M. & Brigit B. Eisner. $390,000.

292 HACIENDA CARMEL. Judith L. Williams to Albert S. & Nancy B. Harris. $166,000.

7026 VALLEY GREENS CIRCLE. Edgar H. & Terry J. Haber to Edward B. Rust, Jr. & Harriet F. Rust. $378,000.

24725 OUTLOOK DRIVE. Harold F. & Maxine Ellington to Mas & H. Christine Sugimoto. $485,000.

28089 BARN COURT. Marilyn C. Taylor & Phyllis A. Rochelle to Harold & Maxine M. Ellington. $392,500.

9919 CLUB PLACE LANE. Norman E. & Laverne E. Pennels to Audrey Blackinger. $385,000.

9915 CLUB PLACE LANE Jovan Micovic to Shay L. & Meredith E. Adams. $360,000.

24985 CARMEL HILLS DRIVE. David W. & Carol A. Phillips to Community Church of Monterey Peninsula & Ronald G. Barton. $340,000.

LOOP ROAD. Michael Hammer to Michael Hammer & Margie Anderson. $100,000.

Upper Carmel Valley

CARMEL VALLEY ROAD. Hugh P. & Peggy L. Ward to Enrique & Lilia I. De Botello. $360,000.

CHAPARRAL ROAD. Richard M. Nystrom to Richard E. Soden. $325,000.

10 DELFINO PLACE. Dean L. & Vera Z. Padgett to Jeffrey & Gabriela Buich. $200,000.

Carmel

GUADALUPE STREET. Kenneth J. McKelvie to Frederick J. & Celeste B. Nameth. $512,000.

CAMINO REAL. Patricia A. Layne to Nancy M. Ditzler. $700,000.

CASANOVA STREET. John W. Scherrer to Borel Bank & Trust Co. $350,000,

SCENIC ROAD. Dennis P. & Claire Nicorta to Stephen P. &Suzanne Diamond. $4,450,000.

GUADULUPE STREET. Roger A. & Jeanne H. Canel to Melvin & Margaret Cohen. $400,000.

DOLORES STREET. J. Allen McNichol, Margaret Heater, Chong Chi & Stanley Cook to J. Jerome Moiso. $441,000.

DOLORES STREET. Elizabeth B. Haviside to Richard M. & Sheri G. Riley & Roland & Maryetta Ewell. $350,000.

Greater Carmel

TAYLOR ROAD. Dorris M. & C. Arthur Spaulding to Blake R. & Clara S. Borup. $205,000.

26205 VALLEY VIEW AVENUE. Barbara J. Conley to Elizabeth J. Steward. $150,000.

24650 CABRILLO STREET. Joe Schmebri to Vaughn J. Wittry. $307,000.

TORRES STREET. Dennis A. & Ray M. DeCuis to Keith L. & Faye B. Henrie. $335,000.

2650 14th AVENUE. Albert S. & Nancy B. Harris to Jack R. & Mary M. Waltz. $510,000.

South Coast

137 CARMEL RIVIERA DRIVE. James M. Sherfey to Mike Lipscomb. $350,000.

137 CARMEL RIVIERA DRIVE. Mike Lipscomb to Donald L. & Joan J. Thompson. $395,000.

PALO COLORADO ROAD. Pacific Joint Ventures, L.P. to Susan Beck. $122,000.

Democratic Women Meet

Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., is scheduled to address the Democratic Women's Club of Monterey County Feb. 24.

The club said Panetta will speak, congressional duties permitting, when the club meets at 1 p.m. at the home of Marlene Martin, 26455 Via Mallorca, Carmel. The public is invited.

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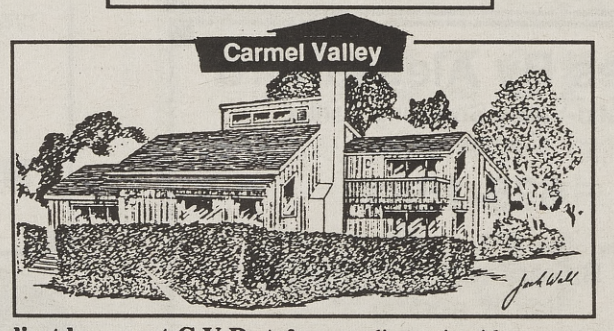

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Real Estate Outlook

A Legislative Update

By Ben J. Heinrich, Vice President
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The coming year of 1990 represents the second year of the current California legislative cycle. During 1989, Realtors and the Sacramento staff of the California Association of Realtors (CAR) reviewed over 4,000 bills that were introduced by members of the state legislature. Over 700 of these bills affected in some way the right to use, enjoy, or transfer real property.

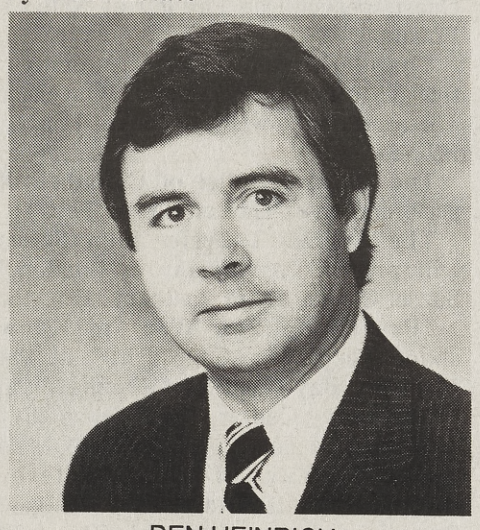
Realtors have for many years been a strong, positive and respected voice in Sacramento representing the interest of homeowners in our state. Legislators frequently seek out the advice of our staff prior to the introduction of their respective bills. After careful analysis of the ramifications of a specific bill, the directors of CAR will take a position of support, opposition, or a neutral position of watch. When there are major compromises being worked out, Realtors often play a significant role in the negotiations.

there are several bills of interest that have been passed by both houses of the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Deukmejian.

Senate Bill 650 (Stirling) requires that a seller disclose to a buyer if the property is located within one mile of any former federal or state ordnance (explosive munitions) facility. This disclosure requirement was effective Jan. 1, 1990.

Assembly bill 1812 (Sher) requires a seller whose property is located within an area of state responsibility for fire protection to disclose to a prospective purchaser that the property is in a wildland area which may contain substantial forest fire risks and hazards. This law was supported by CAR and becomes effective July 1, 1990.

Assembly Bill 983 (Bane) was sponsored by CAR. The new statute requires the Department of health Services, in consultation with the Department of Real Estate, to develop a booklet to be used to educate and inform consumers on



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environmental hazards commonly located on or affecting real property. The booklet will identify common environmental hazards, explain their significance, identify ways to mitigate the hazards, and list sources which can provide further information to consumers. The booklet is anticipated to be available in early 1991.

Civil Code Section 1102.6 requires Sellers of residential property to supply a disclosure statement to buyers concerning the condition of the property. Assembly Bill 584 (Hauser), a CAR-supported bill, amends the Civil Code to require whether the seller is aware of "any substances, materials or products on the property which may be an environmental hazard." This amendment was effective Jan. 1, 1990.

We will undoubtedly see new legislation as a result of the 1990 session. Our goal is to keep you informed of major developments as they occur.

Ben J. Heinrich is 1990 Vice Chairman of the California Association of Realtors (CAR) Legislative Committee. He was 1989 Chairman of the CAR Environmental Hazard Task Force and served as President of the Carmel Board of Realtors in 1987-88.

Business Briefs

Michael Cummings, who was born and raised in Carmel Valley, has come home to work at **Real Estate by-the-Sea** in Carmel after several years in the Los Angeles area where he attended Woodberry College. Cummings' parents, Don and Pat Cummings, live in the Valley as did his grandparents. He obtained his real estate license last fall.

Robin Boehlje and **Chris Iremonger,** owners of the **Carmel Valley Hair Center** at Del Fino Plaza in the Village, have a new barber-stylist on their staff. **John Soto,** who formerly worked in Salinas, becomes the only hair stylist offering "barber" services in the Village, according to the shop. Ms. Boehlje also owns and operates **Totally You** at Crossroads.

Linda and Ed Bassett have opened a 2,000-square foot shop called **"Reminisce"** at the Grand Central Station shopping complex in Pacific Grove. Designed to be like an old-fashioned general store, it offers antiques and handcrafts from almost every state in the country and specializes in unusual items.

Gibbs & Soell, Inc., Public Relations of Carmel says its GrowthTech Communications Division has won first place in the customer brochure category from the National Agricultural Marketing Association (NAMA).

Ted Balestreri and Bert Cutino have announced the appointment of **Andrea Fulton** as Cellar Master at the **Sardine Factory** restaurant in Monterey. Ms. Fulton, formerly associated with the **Lark Creek Inn,** Larkspur, Calif., credits her success in the male-dominated field to Madeline Triffon of the famed **London Chop House** in Detroit who is the only woman Master Sommelier in the U.S.

Norma Black of **Coldwell Banker** and **Nancy Judge** of **Prestige Properties** have just joined the **Carmel Board of Realtors.**

Prudential Towle Plans Expansion

Prudential Towle International Realty plans to expand its operations to about 70 agents with new offices in Monterey-Pacific Grove and Carmel Valley, President Herb Towle told the Sun.

The firm's head office, at the Clock Tower at the mouth of the valley in Carmel, has some 30 agents. Its second office at the Pine Inn in Carmel-by-the-Sea will be enlarged to about 10 to 15 agents.

"We hope to have a Monterey-Pacific Grove office by mid-year," Towle said, "And we want to have a Carmel Valley office, probably in the Village, by year's end. We might even open the Valley office before Pacific Grove."

Although he said the local market "is a little flat right now, it has not stopped. Our real estate's been good since God made earth."

"We're a hometown firm," Towle said. The Towle firm was established in Carmel in 1963 and joined the ranks of the international firm of Prudential Real Estate last October, shortly after Prudential acquired the Merrill Lynch Realty network.

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County to Collect Measure B Tax Despite Suit

County officials said they will start collecting a 1/2 cent sales tax increase on April 1 despite a lawsuit challenging the legality of it.

Ralph Kuchler, chief of the county counsel's office, said the suit filed by the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association could delay use of Measure B money. If it does, he said funds collected pending settlement of the suit will be placed in a trust fund.

But he said the state Constitution prohibits opponents of the tax increase from seeking an injunction to stop its collection.

Designed to raise $335 million over its 20-year life, the measure earmarked $25 million to widen a portion of Highway 101 bypass at Prunedale, a new county hospital, and funds for libraries.

After a recount, Measure B, passed by five votes in the Nov. 7 election. The final tally was 21,284 to 21,279 with North County and Salinas voting in favor of the measure and Monterey and South County opposing it.

The taxpayer group challenged the legality of measure B, claiming Proposition 13 requires that any new tax must be approved by a two-thirds vote of residents.

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County Revokes Permit, Presses Charges Against Small Cachagua Water System

The County on Feb. 2 revoked the operating permit for a small water system serving 18 properties in the Parrot Ranch Road area of Cachagua. Walter Wong, County Director of Environmental Health, referred the case to the district attorney for legal action against the president of Cachagua Road Water System #4, Donald Gates, a resident of Santa Cruz.

After taking testimony at a public hearing on complaints by residents served by the small water system, Wong determined that Gates has failed to comply with federal and state laws requiring chemical testing of the water supply, testing and reporting of well capacity, and reporting on the condition of the wells and the distribution system.

Testimony also revealed that the system is serving 18 properties although it is licensed for only 12 connections.

Residents served by the system complained that they have been completely out of water at least five times, that there was sediment in the water lines, and that they have been unable to reach Gates or anyone else responsible for maintenance of the system.

Complaints were filed by Karolyn Grant, Saran Keir, Sharon Miller, Rosemary Odendahl, and Mrs. Stan Rubrecht. The system will continue to operate without a permit pending legal action against Gates.

Loser in Water Race Spent $9.49 per Vote

Final campaign spending reports showed that Billy DeBerry spent $9.49 cents for each of the votes he received in his unsuccessful bid to win re-election to the water board last November.

In contrast, the required reports filed with the Monterey County Election Department showed that winning candidates Bob Russell and Dale Hekhuis spent just 16 and 82 cents, respectively, for each vote they received.

Overall, DeBerry reported record expenditures of $45,759 in his bid for re-election to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management board of directors, a position which pays $30 per meeting and $25 a month expense money. His report said his campaign ended up $4,856 in debt.

Russell reported total spending of $1,695 and Hekhuis $9,225. They outpolled DeBerry by a 2-1 margin.

The reports also showed that building and development interests poured more than $20,000 into the campaign in its final two weeks on behalf of DeBerry and Jeff Grover. DeBerry, who was strongly identified with former board Chairman Nick Lombardo, finished third in the race and Grover was fifth. Lombardo chose not to run for re-election.

The largest last-minute contribution came from a Los Angeles based Realtors Political Action Committee which gave Grover $2,500 and DeBerry $2,000 on behalf of the Carmel and Monterey Peninsula Boards of Realtors.

Events

The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society monthly meeting will be at the Community Room, Crossroads Shopping Center, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9. Guest speaker Dan Earthell of Nature's Bounty.

Thunderbird for Kids presents a free performance by Shamee, Queen of The Faeries, at a wish ceremony, 11 a.m., Feb. 24.

The Theatre Ballet of Canada will perform, Sunset Theater, 8 p.m., Feb. 11.

The World Traveler Film Series will present "Americans in London," Sunset Center, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., Feb. 16.

"Everything You Want to Know about Keeping a Cage Bird" at the Monterey Bay Cage Bird Club, Hilltop Community Center, 871 Jesse St., Monterey, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Feb. 10.

United Way of the Monterey Peninsula will hold a 1990 Tailgate Party for volunteers, Spanish Bay, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 13.

Folksinger Margaret Jones Faulkner & Celtic harpist Amy Krupski present "Love Songs and Lullabies," Portofino Cafe, 620 Lighthouse, Pacific Grove, 8 p.m., Feb. 10.

Dr. Tom Bishop will lecture on "The Heart of Parenting", no charge, The Crossroads Room, Crossroads Shopping Center, 7-9 p.m., Feb. 7.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by the Junipero Serra School Board, will be held Noon-5:30 p.m., Crespi Hall behind Carmel Mission Basilica., Feb. 11.

Marvella Peterman will lecture on proper exercises in the water for rehabilitation at the Sea Otter WAVES meeting, Surdis Restaurant, 2030 N. Fremont, Monterey, 11:30 a.m., Feb. 10.

Carnaval Monterey '90, by Carmel Classic Arts Festivals, Monterey Conference Center, 8 p.m., Feb. 10.

The Flying Doctors/Los Medicos Voladores, annual organizational meeting, New Monterey Community Center, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 13.

Organic Vegetable Gardening 8-week classes through March 27, Monterey Peninsula College, call 372-5429.

Embroiderers' Guild of America mini workshops and stitch-in, Community Room, Crossroads, 9:30 a.m.-Noon, Feb. 12.

The MPC Players will open "84 Charing Cross Road," Cherry Hall, 4th and Guadalupe, Carmel, 2 p.m., Sundays, 8 p.m., weekends, Feb. 16-March 10.

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula opens a 6-session "Survival Course for the Woman Who has Lost a Spouse," Thursdays 10 a.m.-Noon, starting Feb. 8.

Mime Hinton Harrison stars in A Winter Interlude: Continuing the Vision, to benefit Monterey County's Special Olympic athletes Feb. 9-10, Robert Down Elementary School Auditorium, Pacific Grove. Public is urged to buy a $5 ticket and an extra one or more for a child or adult athlete.

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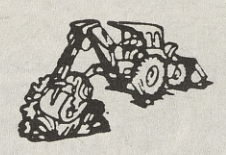

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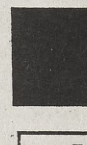

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Widening Highway 1

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• Interchanges for Rio Road and Carpenter Street.

"HOW CAN anybody accept as fact that the widened highway does not meet the needs when these design features have been blatantly disregarded?" Mapstead asked, and then added that "the destruction of Hatton Canyon cannot begin to be justified unless the design of this environmentally least-damaging alternative has been thoroughly analyzed."

Once the EIS is published and approved, freeway opponents are expected to challenge it on the basis of inadequate analysis of the widening Highway 1 alternative. Mapstead has already been a complainant in four law suits relating to the freeway.

Mapstead also challenged Caltrans' definition of transportation needs 20 years from now. In a handout provided at the meeting, Sierra Club lists ten large developments being planned for the Carmel area, and for which the environmental impact reports say that Hatton Canyon Freeway would be required to handle the traffic generated by these developments. Mapstead charged that it is this planned development, including more than a thousand residential and hotel units south of Carmel River, "that generated the numbers now being used to argue that we need the Hatton Canyon Freeway instead of widening Highway 1." His recommendation was to scale back the development plans, if necessary, to ensure that the expanded Highway 1 capacity would be adequate.

Scott Hennessy compared the environmental impacts from widening Highway 1 with impacts of the Hatton Canyon plan. He, too, concluded that "it is time to stop destroying the environment to fit planning and development needs. We must begin fitting the planning to the environment and resources available. The County and our elected officials should be leading the way in protecting our environment, not acting as the lead agency in destroying it."

HENNESSY DISCUSSED the problems Caltrans has encountered in meeting requirements to mitigate the impact of the freeway on wetlands in Hatton Canyon. The most dramatic information on this subject came out later, however. It slipped out in response to a question to Caltrans near the end of the four hour meeting, after most of the audience had left.

Frances "Skip" Lloyd, chairman of the Hatton Canyon Coalition, pressed Caltrans on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's attitude toward Caltrans "conceptual plan" for mitigating wetlands impacts, and what would happen if this plan could not be implemented. Albright responded that "If the mitigation plan cannot be implemented because of opposition from the property owners, we won't have a project. It's as simple as that."

That was blockbuster news, as one of the major property owners is Carmel Unified School District. Caltrans plans to replant five acres behind River School with willows and other riparian vegetation. Albright's statement meant that the school district's elected board of directors, which would have to approve the use of River School property for this purpose, holds a de facto veto over any highway through Hatton Canyon.

THE OTHER MAJOR property involved in the Caltrans mitigation plan is Mission Ranch, owned by Clint Eastwood. By declining to cooperate, Eastwood, too, would have a de facto veto over construction in the canyon. The California State Parks and Recreation Department, which owns the comparable property on the south side of the river, has already advised Caltrans that its policies preclude cooperation in such mitigation plans.

Owing to the significance of Albright's statement, the *Sun* checked with him the following day. "What I should have said," Albright explained, "is that we would have a serious problem if the property owners will not agree to our using their land. We would then have to look for other mitigation opportunities. We won't have a complete project until we find a way to mitigate for the wetlands impacts." He added that Caltrans can't proceed any further on the mitigation plan until the EIS has been circulated and approved.

Albright did not explain where other "mitigation opportunities" might be found. State and federal environmental agencies have taken the position that the only suitable land that could be used to recreate a wetland habitat that would offset destruction of the Hatton Canyon wetlands is along the Carmel River west of the canyon. If that judgment holds up under pressure, the CUSD board of directors would, indeed, hold a potential veto over the freeway.

Out and About

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up any moisture that might otherwise nourish the crop.

We often see the same mustard in the artichoke fields, and he never passes by without muttering that they should "clean up" their fields.

When you are hard at work on a Tuesday or Wednesday, a weekend seem to have the allure of a precious jewel. Once into it, 48 hours can evaporate like a puff of smoke. Was it real or an illusion, those dreamy hours of doing nothing?

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The sun was sinking behind the mountain when we got back go our little cottage, throwing the hills into deep purple tones. The last of the gliders were noiselessly heading home.

It was all over too soon. But there for a brief time, I could imagine what it would be like to wake up every day and watch the vines spread from dormancy to buds, to green leaves, then tiny grapes and finally to heavy clusters, drooping almost to the ground and almost asking to be harvested so the cycle of life could begin all over again.

Advisory Committees

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Ruth Prior Hardesty, chair of the Upper Carmel Valley Advisory Committee, told the *Sun*, "It looks like the only thing that will be sent to us is new construction. They just don't have the time to send the projects to us."

Hardesty's committee will meet Wednesday night.

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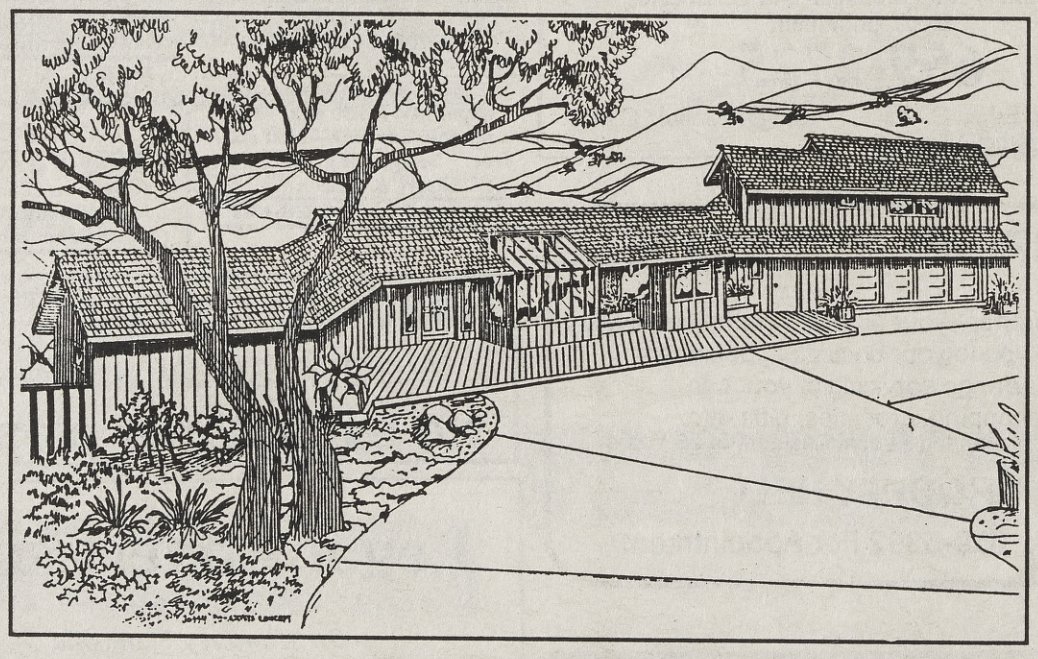

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